





The grab—Towyn Toy Co.

From a letter written by J. Gun-  
man, of Detroit, on Dec. 20

THE DOCTOR'S THE BOOK FROM 1915 IN  
LONDON, ENGLAND, AND THE DOCTOR'S

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**MILLIKIN BANK.**



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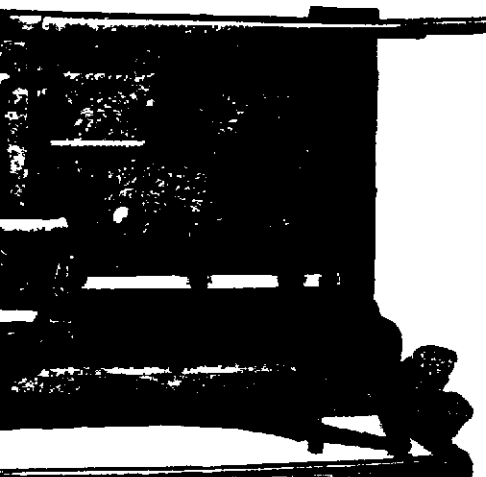
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\$15.00 COOK STOVE.  
n use in Decatur and vicinity and every one of them  
store has all the latest improvements. Fire-kind Oven Door,  
ack and Side Shelf, Oven Door Opener, Nickel Towel Rod  
in fact a stove that is as good as many stoves sold for \$5.00  
ember, every stove fully warranted.

an Bros. & Martin Co.

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# SMOKE AND WATER DAMAGED At OTTENHEIMER'S.

The insurance on our recent fire has been satisfactorily adjusted, and we find our entire stock of BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S SUITS are slightly damaged by smoke and water. To move them RAPIDLY we have determined to close out every suit at nearly ONE-HALF the Original Price. As they are mostly water damaged it will not affect the appearance or wear.

700 Reefer and Junior Suits for Boys 3 to 8 Years.

1,000 Boys' Knee Pants Suits, Single and Double Breasted 6 to 15 Years.

\$1.50 and \$2.00 Suits, slightly soiled, at ..... \$1.75  
\$2.50 and 3.00 Suits, slightly soiled, at ..... 2.25  
\$3.50 and 4.00 Suits, slightly soiled, at ..... 2.75  
\$4.50 and 5.00 Suits, slightly soiled, at .....

1,200 BOYS' LONG PANTS SUITS, Ages 10 to 19 Yrs. 28 BOYS' CHINCHILLA REEFERS, sold at \$2.50, now \$1.40  
AGES 3 TO 3 YEARS.

18 Boys' Astrachan Reefers, sold at \$4.00, now 2.50  
AGES 3 TO 8 YEARS.  
59 Boys' Ulsters, ages 6 to 19 years, at HALF PRICE.  
158 Men's Overcoats and Ulsters, sold from \$5 to \$15,  
At \$3.00 to \$8.50

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF "MOTHERS' FRIEND"  
SHIRT WAISTS at ONE-HALF the regular price.  
38c Mothers' Friend Waists ..... 19c  
50c Mothers' Friend Waists ..... 25c  
75c Mothers' Friend Waists ..... 38c  
\$1.00 Mothers' Friend Waists ..... 50c

28 doz. Men's and Boys' Heavy and Light Underwear, ONE-HALF PRICE.  
28 doz. Men's Colored PERCALE SHIRTS, at ONE-HALF PRICE.  
18 BICYCLE SUITS—sizes 34 to 40—at ONE-HALF PRICE.  
300 White and Fancy Vests, single and double-breasted, at ONE-HALF PRICE.

Sale Opens Monday, March 1st, and continues until the entire stock is sold.  
ALL GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.

## Ottenheimer & Co.

### BICYCLE REPAIRING

Now is the time to have your Wheel put in order for the season's riding. Don't put it off till good weather comes and you want to use it.

We are Prepared to Do All Kinds of Work,  
Including Enameling

Make a new wheel out of your old one by having it enameled in a new color. We can give you a first-class job and for less money than you can send it away.

### MOREHOUSE & WELLS CO.

## BULL'S Cough Syrup

That heritage of rich and poor, has saved many a life. For Throat and Lung affections it is invaluable. It never fails to cure Cough, Cold, Croup and Whooping-Cough. DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP is the best. Price 25 cents.

Chew LANGE'S PLUGS, The Great Tobacco Antidote, 10c. Dealers or mail A.C. Meyer & Co., Baltimore, Md.

## WANTED...

YOUR  
OLD GOLD  
AND SILVER

Highest Market Price in Merchandise at  
Lowest Cash Value

### PURE TEA.

Pride of the Orient.  
CULTURED PROTECTED PLANT.  
The Best in the World.

For Sale Only by  
—THE LEADING GROCER—  
...H. G. BOYER...  
DECATUR, ILL.

### LOCAL NEWS.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. mech 25-dtf  
Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant. Oct 21dt

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Obolast's News House.—14 ddt  
Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Golden Rod Lotion for chapped hands gives satisfaction. For sale at Opera House Drug store.

Friday afternoon Mrs. A. H. Landes entertained a large company of lady friends at her home on West North street.

The Wabash railroad is offering a very low rate to Washington on account of the inauguration of President McKinley. Tickets on sale March 1, 2 and 3. Call at city office for particulars.

J. M. Hughes & Co. at Durfee & Bros.' old stand have a choice stock of fresh garden and flower seeds. Give them a call. feb 23-d&wt

Webb C. Foster wishes to inform his friends that he has opened a meat market at 1075 North Water street where he will have on hand the best cuts of beef, veal, pork and mutton, etc., and a fresh and full line of all goods in his line.—25-dt

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 483, new phone 485. M. F. Metz.—31-dt

6 tuesday afternoon at her home Miss Mae Harwood entertained the Saturday afternoon club from 2 to 5 o'clock at 6-hand supper. Eighteen members of the club were present. Miss Edith Hae won the prize. At 6 o'clock luncheon was served. The guests of the club were Miss Lena Nelson, of Chicago, and Miss Ella Gladish, of Kansas City.

### Good Bread

Is Never Wasted....  
The Foundation is Good Flour.

### CENTRAL EXAMINATION.

Pupils From Seven Country Schools Strive For Honors.

Last week County Superintendent Keller conducted the central examination at the Prairie Hall school and had pupils from seven schools contending for the honors. The averages were as follows: Anna Rider, 95%; Nellie, Londrigan, 94%; Luella Underwood, 94%; Marie Smith, 93%; Samuel Cooper, 91%; Lola Caruen, 91 5/8; Henry Urbin, 90%; Melvin Carman, 87; Eddie Hart, 92%; Maude Reed, 91; George Lane, 90; Wilmer Gonnig, 85%; Ada Baker, 90%; Jessie Bushurt, 77%; Zella Maden, 91%; Ollie Hirsh, 92%; Ada Hirsch, 92%; Remus Tobill, 89%; Randall Tobill, 80%; Garfield Tobill, 89; Clarence Tobill, 80%; Benjamin Flick, 87; Annie Bick, 84%; Walter Trulock, 89%; Arthur McDonald, 87%; Phineas Tucker, 83%; Stella Fletcher, 87%; Angelina Fletcher, 86%; Stella Stocks, 84%; Elmer Belden, 87%; Eva Ray, 88%; Anna Buckingham, 86%; Lilly Kinsler, 93%; Harry Meyers, 84%; Ada Fathaur, 87%.

Anna Rider ranked 1, Nellie Londrigan ranked 2, both of Fort Daniel school. Luella Underwood ranked 3, Earle Smith ranked 4, both of Pleasant Plain school. There were seven schools represented, Pleasant Plain, Prairie Valley, Prairie Vale, Prairie Hall, Fort Daniel and Union Hall. Teachers, J. E. Underwood, M. Adams, J. E. Kling, Myrtle Garver, T. C. Buxton and Lilly Stewart.

Another New Trial.  
Eddie Cook has twice been tried for the murder of Miss Minnie Bennett, of Marua, by procuring an abortion. Twice he was convicted, each time for manslaughter. He was granted a new trial at Lincoln and then took a change of venue to Macon county. He was convicted again at Havana. He has just been granted another new trial, which will be heard at Havana. Cook is making a desperate effort to escape confinement in the penitentiary.

Opened To-Day.  
The Lincoln Square Dining Hall and Cafe opened this morning in splendid quarters in Central block, the room formerly occupied by the B. Stine Clothing company. The interior of the room has been splendidly refitted and the proprietor, H. D. Greider, announces that he is prepared to serve everything within the wish of his patrons.

The Sparrow Slaughter.  
The killing of English sparrows under the state law has been stopped until the first of next December. Warrants were issued for 9678 sparrow heads brought in during the months of December, January and February. During the previous killing period there were 6374 heads brought in.

Going to Monticello?  
Account of the definition of the new city hall and concert by the Goodman band at Monticello, the Weibach will make a note of it for the grand trip. The band is much to be commended, as they are the best in the city.

### WAR ON CIGARETTES.

Mass Meeting Held Sunday in the Interest of the Anti-Cigarette Movement.

ADDRESS BY LUCY PAGE GASTON

An Assembly of About Three Hundred People at the First Methodist Church Heard Discussions on the Subject —A Collection Was Taken Up.

Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist church a mass meeting was held in the interests of the anti-cigarette movement. Miss Lucy Page Gaston, a woman who was instrumental in the introduction of a bill to abolish the sale of cigarettes in the state which is now before the legislature, was present and made an address. Miss Gaston is traveling through the state in the interests of the Christian Citizenship League with the view of bringing the cigarette question before the people so that it will be passed by the legislature.

The meeting had not been extensively advertised but at the appointed hour about 300 persons were present. Secured for the occasion, of the public schools of the city, acted as chairman and called the meeting to order. He asked Miss Gaston to state the purpose of the meeting. She said:

"Thousands of homes in the state of Illinois are today shrouded with gloom on account of the cigarette habit of the boys and girls. With the exception of the liquor traffic there is no evil which is doing more harm than the cigarette habit. This meeting has been called in the interest of the abolition of cigarettes in the state of Illinois. The habit has grown so tremendously in the past few years that that matter has been brought before the legislature and even congress. The bill which is now before the legislature was introduced two years ago. At that time it passed through the hands of the committee and through the first and second readings but a vote was never taken and it was feared that the tobacco trusts used some of their untold thousands in defeating it. This year the bill is being pushed harder than ever. It is in the hands of the Christian Citizenship League and I have been delegated to do what work I could through the state. We feel that we have back of the bill a great influence. We have on our side the W. C. T. U., the Keeley club, the young people's societies of this state, the federation of woman's clubs, the labor unions, and the Christian citizenship leagues. We hope to send out a large amount of literature which will arouse the people and in this way bring to bear such strong influence upon the legislature that the members will be forced to vote on the bill.

"It is also the purpose of this meeting to educate the people in regard to the cigarette habit. They do not realize that seven billion cigarettes are consumed in this country every year, what they are doing to our boys and girls, and what teaching and physicians say in regard to the terrible habit. It is the intention to arouse sufficient public sentiment so that when the bill is passed the enforcement of the law will be demanded. There is now a law against cigarettes being sold or given to minors but it is not enforced and it is necessary that the cigarette should be entirely abolished. It is believed that the law will be constitutional."

Miss Gaston mentioned the fact that similar laws had been passed in Iowa and Tennessee. She then read portions of the bill which is now before the Illinois legislature. It provides that cigarettes in any form, or in material to make them shall be unlawful to have in possession or use. The fine is not less than \$100 and not more than \$500, or from thirty to sixty days' imprisonment in the county jail.

Miss Gaston read an article which was written by Mary Darrow Olsen of Chicago, who is prominent in the anti-cigarette movement. It spoke of the manner in which cigarettes are advertised, of obscene buttons which are sold with them and of the business of giving away cigarettes to boys to teach them the habit.

Mr. Gaston was called upon to speak. He said that he was not the proper person to discuss the matter as he had had no experience with cigarette smoking. He didn't tolerate tobacco in any form and was consequently not prepared to say anything on the subject. In regard to his experience with boys in school Mr. Gaston said:

"I know that the use of cigarettes is injurious to the boys. I believe that it is a waste of money to try to educate boys who are cigarette smokers, as they seem unable to apply themselves to study. There are boys in this city, your own boys, who are being sent to their graves today by the habit. Mr. Grant of the Peoria public schools, has said that he is unable to find a boy with the cigarette habit. His parents tell the truth and obey his parents, and that their moral as well as their physical and mental senses are ruined. I find that some of the boys in the schools in this city are cigarette smokers and that it affects their work in the school. When they run away from school and will not get their lessons cigarettes are very often at the bottom of the trouble. If parents will watch their boy carefully they can detect the traces of cigarettes. The boys who use them are pale of complexion and are nervous. There are an alarming number of boys who use cigarettes and I think that the number who are addicted to the habit is increasing."

Rev. D. F. Howe made a few remarks on the subject. He said that two years ago he had preached a sermon and had discussed the question at length. He said that while some people might not be aroused on the subject from a moral standpoint they would look at it from a mental and educational standpoint. The effects of education were certainly baffled by the cigarette habit. He mentioned the fact that while some newspapers were not in favor of prohibition they were all against cigarettes. The people were at present allowing a trust to bankrupt them in their hopes of their children by allowing them to sell cigarettes in the state.

Dr. Bridgeman, who was present at the meeting, read a short paragraph which was taken from a figurative newspaper. It told of the methods of the manufacturers to induce boys to smoke cigarettes and teach them the habit so that the consumption of their produce would be increased.

Miss Gaston made a plea for a money to carry on the work. She said that it was necessary to send out a large amount of literature on the subject and that the Christian Citizenship League needed money to carry on the work. She thought that with sacrifice a number of people might raise \$100 for the cause. A collection of \$12.20 was taken and Hiram Johnson was appointed as a treasurer to whom money could be given for the league. He will take charge of any funds which may be given toward the anti-cigarette movement and will turn them over to the proper persons. Miss Gaston assured her hearers that there were no large salaries officers in connection with the league having the matter in charge and that the money given would be used exclusively for carrying on the work where it would do the most good.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.  
Social and Musical Entertainment at Turner Park.

Thirty-eight years ago on Sunday last the Decatur Turn Verein was founded and the anniversary was made the occasion of a celebration at the handsome hall on South Broadway last night. It was an invitation affair. The attendance was large and the exercises were of a very interesting character. The program was as follows:

Overture—Opera House orchestra.  
Address—"The Turn Verein society," President Frank Reinhardt.  
Song—"Das ist der Tag der Herrn."  
Double quartet, Frank Reinhardt, Albert Ehrhard, Carl Young, Karl Walter, William Blank, William Bold, A. Bier, A. Schlick, B. Spies.

Staff Exercises—Active class.  
Tenor solo—Albert Ehrhard.  
Comic Song—Ed Weingardner.  
Flute Solo—Karl Walter.  
Song—"Trinkliohre," double quartet.  
Recitation—Henry Metz.  
Song—Karl Walter.  
Comic Song—Ed Weingardner.

Double Bar Exercises—Active class.  
The Decatur Turner society was formed on Feb. 28, 1859, in the Montgomery building on the northwest corner of Main and Water streets. The society started with twelve charter members and has grown until 157 names are now on its membership roll. Of the men who signed the charter only three are living: they are Henry Ebert and Chris Krumer of this city, and Captain Chris Reulhausen of Bloomington. The former hall of the society on South Broadway was burned to the ground in January, 1890, and the records and prices of the society went up in smoke. The society went to work immediately to rebuild the hall and the new Turner hall, costing over \$4000, was opened the 16th of last October. The society is in a flourishing condition and is noted for its good fellowship and social entertainments.

DECATUR AT WASHINGTON.  
Citizens Who Will Witness the Inauguration Ceremonies.

On Thursday next, March 4, Major William McKinley will be inaugurated as president of the United States at Washington City, and Decatur will be represented in the great throng of patriotic people assembled that day to witness the change so gratifying to Republicans and all others who are opposed to Democratic methods.

The Decatur party who left last Sunday night and this morning at 8 o'clock were J. B. Ballard, W. H. Elwood, W. F. Calhoun, E. L. Pagram, D. S. Shellsalger, F. W. Caldwell, David Hale, John F. Mattos, Ed Dietz and M. F. Martin, the latter taking along the handsome silk flag which will be presented to Mr. McKinley with more or less ceremony. The delegation will have good accommodations on the route chosen and will reach Washington tomorrow noon.

The Rev. James Hobbs Improvement, R. J. Roberts, the houseowner, is engaged in removing the one-story cottage from the lot at the corner of North Water and Bradford street, owned by Rev. James Hobbs. Mr. Hobbs will erect a new modern dwelling, two stories, containing ten rooms, and also a book room, adjoining the mission building, 1428 feet. The Hobbs improvement will cost \$3500. The Brooks Brothers have the contract for the carpenter work and Henry Lunn and sons the brick work. The work commenced today. Henry Lunn will superintend the entire work.

Prize on to Meet.  
The regular March meeting of Lincoln Council, No. 1, O. M. A., illustrious Princes of the Orient, will be held on Wednesday evening. Plenty of victims waiting for the opportunity to go over the hot sands. March 3—remember the date and be there.

Garden Seeds.  
Just received a large stock of all kinds of seeds. H. M. Meyer & Co.'s Seed Bank, Decatur, Ill.

### FIRE

Several Stores were Destroyed

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The Loss Will

000—People the Flame City

About 1 o'clock time threatened a fire city. Three main business buildings by a large store and a Chinese to the ground. The flames would for a time among the tower opinion the fire and there for the blaze to.

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The total goods will amount fire is the worst the city and the are sadly in need. The city from us would be boring for an at is completed we expect the city from.

Mr. and Mrs. brated their wedding February 24. Blaise, J. P., B. Armstrong, B. their wives, J. Judd, E. W. White, Mrs. Nicholson beautiful and a Clarence W. from Kinship Long Creek, it the body of the died at Belmont and interred at W. O. Jarro Denver, Col., a. Quite an inter Friday afternoon between Winifred, the negatives, and Robert Question: "Ed States should Cuba." The Misses Ida, the decision was negative.

Mrs. S. B. week with Mr. H. W. Clark. Mr. I. N. V. J. M. Hawk's

In the trial of va. City of Decatur secured a verdict was represented Lee and Adams lawyers for the Bros.

The Kansas more famous the history.

Highest

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# 1897 Ribbons New gauze effects in Satin and Pin Stripe, Satin Stripes in colors, Polka Dots and Embroidered Plaids in all the latest Taffeta, Tulle and Ribbons in all colors. **NEW SPECIALS:** 48 inch wide French Gauze Ribbons—the very latest—35c yard Satin Striped Ribbons—45c yard Satin Ribbon, at 1/2, 3/4, 5/8, and 3/16 yard **Specials.** Goods were as pretty as what is new in dresses, Fancies, etc., will be astonishingly ample. .....\$1.35 yard .....\$1.15 yard .....50c yard .....25c yard .....12c yard .....\$1.45 bolt (36 inches), at .....1-3/4 yard **Specials.** .....\$1.35 yard .....\$1.15 yard .....50c yard .....25c yard .....12c yard .....\$1.45 bolt (36 inches), at .....1-3/4 yard

**DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.**

**THE BIG STORE** { WATER, MAIN & STATE STREETS.



## New Dress Goods.

For the first week of the first month of spring we will offer some extraordinary bargain opportunities at our dress goods counters. Those desiring fashionable fabrics at the right price will not be disappointed. This week we offer.

Double Fold Fancy Dress Fabrics in the New Spring Designs at... 72 1/2c yard 36-inch All Wool French Serges in Black, Navy, Brown, and Green. This is the very best finished low priced Serge on the market... 25c yard Spring Suitings in French and German Novelities. Our line of these goods is unusually strong and they are great leaders at this price... 65c yd French Foulards, 32-inches wide and All Wool, in the best colorings, including Black. It is actually worth \$1.00 yard, but our price is... 75c yd Our line of High Grade Novelty Suitings, Robes, etc., is now nearly complete and is the best that we have ever shown, 75c, 98c, and \$1.25 a yard, and up to... \$3.00 per pattern

It gives us great pleasure to inform our patrons that we have taken the agency for the "Gold Medal" Black Dress Goods for the coming spring season and we are sure that they will please the most fastidious. We carry a large variety of this well known brand. They are superior in finish and unsurpassed in style, coming as they do from the most celebrated looms of Europe, and are world famous. They run from 42 to 50 inches in width and range in price from 50c a yard upward. Every yard of these goods is sold under a guarantee, and if not exactly as represented you can return them and we will cheerfully refund your money. If you are contemplating the purchase of a black dress don't fail to inspect this line.

## Special Silk Showing.

Just a word of invitation, for no description is possible where fluency is futile. The goods themselves invite and it is a duty you owe yourself to call and see this splendid aggregation of dainty and serviceable Silk stuffs. The variety of weaves and effects is bewildering. Great piles of black and fancies and in fact everything that is new and destined to be popular. See the lovely new fabric "Etamote." The prices are just as pleasing as the goods.

## Leaders for Spring.

Our high-grade Organdies, Dimities and other Wash Goods are as sheer as gauze and as tough as linen. They're made for wear as well as appearance. They're beautiful that's true, but they are Fast Colors, and in a word they're Wash Goods that will Wash. They represent both Style and Money's worth. Just for a starter we choose a few of these Dainty Things and mark them down low. Here's the way we do it:

100 Pieces Lappets, Stripes and Organdies. Very latest creations, at... 12 1/2c

200 Pieces Fine Lappets, Organdies, Fambones, etc. Our Price 15c yard Bicycle Suitings in Plain, Fancies, and Checks, at... 12 1/2c yard Imported Irish Dimities. No such colorings ever offered in Decatur. Fast colors and warranted to wash... Your Choice 25c yard

## Ready-to-Use Sheets and Pillow Cases.

Made from the highest grades of Sheeting and at prices less than the cost of material. Many of them our own special "L. & S." brand.

42 Dozen Pillow Cases, sizes 42x36, and 45x36. Unheard of price... 6 1/2c each 15 Dozen Pillow Cases, "L. & S." Special; 42x36. Extra weight, at... 10c each Pillow Cases 45x36, made from the very best Atlantic casing, at... 12 1/2c each Hemstitched Pillow Cases 42x36 inches. Very fine soft finished Muslin, at... 15c each

Our Sheets are made with an extra 2-inch hem and sizes are quoted as torn. "L. & S." Special Sheets; 81x90 inches, (full 9-4), at... 45c each Atlantic Mills Sheets; 81x90 inches, (full 9-4), at... 49c each Hemstitched Sheets in Fine Soft Finish, at... 53c each 100 pair Fine Unbleached Sheets; Best Atlantic Sheeting; (full 9-4), at... 39c

See the Handsomest Line of

## SPRING CARPETS AND RUGS

Ever Brought to Decatur.



## Tea Gowns AND Wrappers.

25 Ladies' Cashmere Tea Gowns, Large Collar, Braid Trimmed, New Sleeve. Colors Black, Navy, Light Blue, Pink, and Red. A Special Leader at \$3.95.

500 Ladies' House Wrappers in all the New Spring Patterns; gathered back with strap, full sweep skirt, well made. Our regular \$1.39 Wrapper, for this sale 95c.

## Art Needlework.

Great reductions in the prices of the material is used.

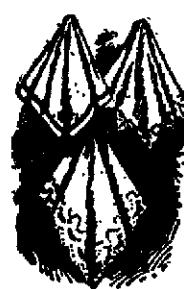
Lacy Edges, 2c.

Damask Tray Cloths; worth 49c, for 25c.

Stamped D'Oylies and Center Pieces, 3c each.

White Crochet D'Oylies, 5c each.

Black and Gold Pillow Covers in all the latest designs, at 25c each.



## 'Great Handkerchief Happenings.

35 Dozen Ladies' Scalloped Embroidered Handkerchiefs; worth 10c, now 4 for 25c.

25 Dozen Ladies' All Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs; worth 10c, now 4 for 25c.

40 Dozen Ladies' Unlaundered All Linen Initial Handkerchiefs; worth 15c; now 3 for 25c.

## Ladies' Underskirts.

Two Leaders.

A Good Black Satine Underskirt with Ruffle; worth 85c, for 49c.

A Black Moreen "Silkot" Underskirt; worth \$1.49, for 98c.

We are making a very special showing of these goods in Black and Navy.



## Girls Spring Reefers.

250 New Spring Reefers for girls from 2 to 5 years old, in Navy, Tan, Red, and Brown. Braid Trimmed, Ripple Back. These goods were bought at a discount for 33 1/3 per cent. and we propose giving our patrons the benefit. Read these Remarkable Prices and then come and see the goods—75c, 98c, \$1.25, \$1.49, \$1.75, and \$1.98.

## Veilings and Ruchings

New Spring Veilings in Maline, Tuxedo, Fancy Weaves and Dots.

Ruching in Nets, Mouslin de Soie, and Chiffon.

Fancy Broches in Violets and Lace.

## Muslin Underwear

Odds and ends left over from that Great Selling of the past two weeks. Some of the goods are soiled and mussed from showing and display. You can have choice Undermuslins now for about one-half the price you will pay elsewhere.



We Quote a Few Specimen Bargains

One Lot of 19c Corset Covers 9c each.

One Lot of 29c Drawers, 19c pair.

One Lot of 19c Boys' Jeans Underwaists (1 to 5 years), 10c each.

One Lot of 49c Drawers—Umbrella Style—29c pair.

One Lot of 49c Underskirts, 25c each.

One Lot of Fine Night Gowns; worth \$1.49, 25c each.

## Domestics.

1 Bale Fine 36-inch Unbleached Spring Muslin at 3 1/2c yard.

1 Case Good Bleached Muslin, 36 inches wide; soft finish and no dressing. You can't find its equal at 7c yard.

The Very Finest grades of Muslins such as Lonsdale, Fruit of the Loom, etc. All you desire at 6 1/2c yard.

Best Apron Gingham, Staple and Fancy Checks; the best kind. Our Price 4 1/2c yard.

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New Foulards, Satin Finish, beam-fall printing, at 7c yard.

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Bales of Stevens All Linen Towels at 4 1/2c yard.

10 1/2 Dozen Towels, an odd lot, Turkish, Mouslin, and Huckaback. Take your choice for 5c each.

## Spring Laces.

A Full Line of All-Over, in Embroidered, Batiste, Mouslin de Soie, Mull and Brussels Net in Black and Colors.

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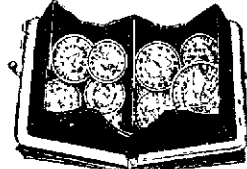
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## Bargains at the Motion Counter.

Black Empire Fans, 9c.

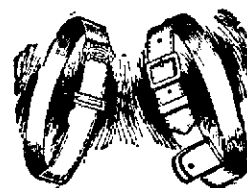
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25 Dozen Leather Belts—New Spring Styles—27c each.

## Linings.

Prices which will please you and your dressmaker.

Rustle Percale; worth 15c, for 10c yard.

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## Wall Paper.

Beautiful wall coverings are within the reach of all this season. The line of papers which we are showing is undoubtedly the largest in the city and there is no question as to our prices being the smallest. A trade winning combination—Largest Stock and Smallest Prices.

The ever popular "White Back" Papers in New Colorings, with either 9 or 18-inch borders. Full combination at 4c per roll.

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A dress form Corset in black For a cheap Corset try my

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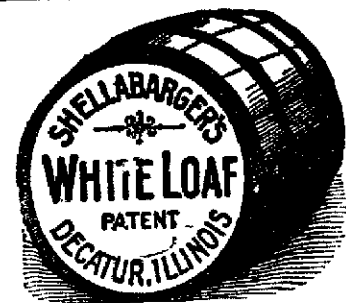
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TO THE SOUTH.

POLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers, have another of their popular EXCURSIONS TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, MARCH 22, where they are selling so much of their choice cheap lands near Houston and Galveston. These lands are small, well prairie, most of them new and rich, have never been in them. We can sell you cheaper and better lands, better terms than any one and can take exchange in on some to suit you and us for circulars. We also do a general exchange business, have land to exchange for stock of goods to exchange for land. In fact can take almost any kind of a trade. Expose the layout from Galveston. Write us or call and see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ill. POLEN & LANNING.

### A STILL WHITE FACE.

A still white face in calmness rests, Lured from yellow gilly net, Closed eyelids shutting out the light From life; eyelids that once were wet With tears of sadness, pain and grief, With light of gladness, joy and bliss; Unbidden tears, their fount o'erfull Of waves of sorrow, checked by kiss, Of tender love and kindly word, By voice of sympathy low heard.

A still white face. Ah, that is all Now left to look upon, at last, No speech, no smile, no answering sign, No recognition of the past. No pressure from the folded hands, No open ear to list the knell, Which comes when grieving souls must say:

"Dear still white face, Farewell, farewell."

Dear angelic heart, dear slightest eye, Dear loved and loving one, "Good-by."

Tears fall upon the still white face Like springing showers of summer rain, But wake not a response, as once, When teardrops soothed and softened pain.

Dear still white face, my soul, though mute, Pleads earnestly with thee to tell, In answer: "Is it well with thee In thy life?" Say: "Is it well."

Dear still white face, speak but one word:

"Is it well?" but no response is heard

"Tis mine to look, and that, and pray That still white face once more to see, When I, in turn, alone must go Forever out, my love, to be When I shall trace the dreary path That all in time must surely tread, When mine shall be a still white face, Numbered with those, among the dead, Then still white face, come back and wait

My passing through life's closing gate—Clark W. Bryan, in Good Housekeeping.

### A DOWNRIGHT JUDGE.

BAKER and Barker lived in the country, two or three miles from "town"—which was a small village. In common with other farmers, they had to "work on the road" two or three days

per annum, and, as is usually the case, their attacks upon the highway were not vicious or prolonged. They had short hours for work and long ones for dinner, and generally went home at night feeling that they had had a very pleasant peaceable day.

One noon-time Baker and Barker were taking their luncheon in the shade, by the side of an exaggerated creek, which flowed along toward its foster-parent, the river, as lazily as if it, too, were working on the road. There were five or six fellow-toilers in the same little grove; and some of them took a good nap after eating, so as to be able afterwards to precipitate themselves upon the unattended thoroughfare in a way that it would recollect during the residue of the season.

Near where they ate and slumbered, a large, long log officiated as a foot-bridge across the creek. A slight breeze was tipping down the stream, and Baker lay upon the log and enjoyed it. He finally fell asleep there, and woke the other toilers with hoarse and rough-hewn notes from his various respiratory organs.

The disturbed road-menders lay upon their elbows and gazed at him and each other. He was a long, large, not particularly clean man, and looked very suggestive and tempting as he lay there only a few inches from the water's surface, neatly poised on one side of the log.

Barker, who loved a mechanical joke, now made his first agile movement of the day. Just as Baker had ceased snoring, and showed signs of awaking, he crept to the side of his comrade, gave him a slight impulse creekward, and dodged back. The result was that Baker went stomach-long into the water, and awoke dreaming that he had enlisted in Pharoah's army, and that it was just attempting to ford the Red sea.

After our victim had floundered his way clear of the disturbed stream, he

went straight to the village and used Barker for assault. The case was called case day and all the farmers were present, having left the road to its fate for the day.

There a-sonor! just a few inches above the water, an' so near the side of the log, that a sudden gust o' wind would ha' done it just as well as I could.

"Right on the edge of it, I s'pose, interrupted the justice. "Just kind of hanging by the bark of the timber, as it were."

"Yes," continued Barker, "and snoring like a blacksmith's bellows. He had woke us all up, an' we sort o' felt that it would do his whistle good to wet it a little, an' that he needed cleaning up on general principles, anyhow. The others looked at me, an' I looked at them, an' we all looked at Baker."

"Ah! then the others were particeps criminis," exclaimed the justice, gravely.

At this, the others made a motion as if to leave the room; but there was too dense a crowd behind them. "Go on, sir," said the justice, meaning Barker.

"Well," resumed Barker, "about that time he stopped snoring, an' give a grunt, an' was so still we was afraid he was goin' to wake up. Then the others winked at me."

"Particeps criminis again," said the justice, still more gravely. "We shall have a celebrated case here, and an extensive one." The other farmers hung their heads.

"An' I thought 'now or never, an' I crep' up—an' up—"

"Had to go very still, I suppose," said the justice, leaning forward eagerly.

"Never done anything so still in my life," said Barker. "Jes' before I got to him, he acted as if he was goin' to wake up."

"Gracious!" exclaimed the justice, with a suddenly worried look. "That's, I mean continue, sir."

"Wall, he didn't quite wake up."

"He didn't quite awaken," interrupted the justice, with a look of relief on his stern face.

"No; an' then I crep' up—an' up—an' up—"

"Up and up and up," repeated the justice, leaning forward as far as he could, without leaving the bench, extending his long white hand, and evincing almost extraordinary interest. "Proceed, sir."

"An' jes' a second afore I got to him I thought he was awake—but he wasn't quite—"

"He wasn't quite," repeated the old justice, with both hands extended now.

"An' I jest reached out this 'ere forefinger an' give him a little push—"

"Just enough to shift his ballast the eighth of an inch!" exclaimed the justice, in an intense tone, half rising to his feet.

"An' he started—slow at first."

"Slow at first, sir," said the justice—

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"By gracious," shouted the justice, rising to his feet, rubbing his hands, and dancing frantically about. "I'd have done it myself! Case is dismissed, an' no cause of action!"—Everywhere.

He Didn't Mind.

Andrew Lang gives an anecdote of Dean Stanley's amiable simplicity. The dean was invited out to dinner, and was very late. When he arrived his collar was unfastened, and the ends vibrated like little white wings about the head of a cherub. People could not but look at him with curiosity during dinner, and at length, with due precaution, his hostess ventured to ask him if he knew that his collar had broken adrift.

"Oh yes!" said the dean. "Do you mind?"

"Not at all," said the lady.

"Then I don't mind, either," answered the dean. "The button dropped off while I was dressing," and he continued his conversation.

"It was not," says Mr. Lang, "absence of mind that Stanley displayed on this occasion. Any other human being than he would have been at the point of changing his shirt"—Illustrated London News.

Unpopular.

One fine Sunday morning a tourist arrived at a Kirk in Argyleshire, intending to enter for the English service as soon as the service was over. "Is the Gaelic service over?" he inquired of the head of the house.

"No, but it will not be very long."

So the tourist strolled on into the churchyard where the tombstones lay deep in the long grass. By and by he was recalled by the shouts of the headie, who stood at the door waving to him.

"But is the Gaelic service over?" he asked, once more.

"Oh, ay! it will be over."

"But I have not seen the congregation; which way did it go?"

The headie directed his attention to a solitary figure, slowly wending his way up the hill, and said, "That's him."

—London Tit-Bits.

A Practised Courtship.

She was essentially a modern girl of the society variety, and she smiled upon him because, although rather old and much of a society man, he was well up in a financial way.

"I'm a plain, practical man," he said, bluntly, when he thought the time had come to propose. "I haven't the gift of the gab, and I believe in coming to the point at once, anyway. I want you for my wife."

"I'm a thoroughly practical girl," she replied, with equal bluntness. "I do not believe in meaningless speeches and roundabout methods. How much do you bid?"

Understanding each other so perfectly, it was a simple matter to arrange the minor details and decide upon the date for the wedding.—London Tit-Bits.

What Could She Do?

A story is told of an old lady who, being seriously ill, found herself in a trying position.

"You see," she said to a friend, "my daughter Harriet is married to one of those homeopathy doctors, and my daughter Kate to an allypath. If I call in the homeopathy, my allypath son-in-law and his wife get mad, an' if I call in my allypath son-in-law, my home-

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## CHINESE NEW YEAR.

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The first duty is to pay off all debts.

Everybody is doing this and where his

means do not permit he is renewing his

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Are not pleasant, but you'll get  
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toothbrush.  
Get a Brush that is built  
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Try our 25c Brush.  
**KING'S DRUG STORE,**

**SOCIETY MEETINGS.**  
W. R. C.—Regular meeting of Dunham W.  
R. C. No. 1, at G. A. R. hall, tomorrow at  
2:30 p. m. All members requested to be pres-  
ent. S. H. H. ABEL, Pres. CHLOE MUR-  
PHY, Sec.  
G. A. R.—Regular meeting of Dunham Post,  
No. 141, on Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock.  
All comrades are requested to be present.  
W. F. CALHOUN, Com. R. P. DIXIE, Adj.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**  
We are requested to announce J. C. HANES  
a candidate for Justice of the Peace, subject  
to the decision of the Republican township con-  
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We are authorized to announce P. B. PROVOSE  
as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, sub-  
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We are authorized to announce JAMES  
O'MARA as a candidate for Justice of the Peace,  
subject to the decision of the Republican town-  
ship convention.  
We are authorized to announce O. W. SMITH  
as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, sub-  
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We are authorized to announce CHARLES M.  
CALDWELL as a candidate for Commissioner of  
Highways, subject to the action of the Republi-  
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We are authorized to announce WILLIAM  
BRYAN as a candidate for Commissioner of  
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We are authorized to announce ARTHUR F.  
EVANS as a candidate for Town Clerk, subject  
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H. MAXWELL as a candidate for Collector, sub-  
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CARVER as a candidate for Town Collector,  
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**LOCAL NEWS.**  
Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.  
Hut water bottles, all sizes, 75c each, at  
West's drug store.—19-dtf  
Smoke the Little J. 5-cent cigar, made  
by Jacob Keck.  
Sparrow's fine chocolate for sale at  
the Opera House Drug store.  
Smoke the Little J. a fine hand made,  
Sumatra wrapper—5-cent cigar.  
Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of  
bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf  
Smoke the famous Loda, a fine 10-cent  
cigar, made by John Wetland. Mch 25 tf  
Chippewa tribe, No. 36, Imp. O. R. M.,  
meets tonight. Work in the adoption  
degree.  
Take the Vandalia-Pennsylvania for  
Washington, D. C.; reduced rates for  
the inauguration.  
Largest and finest stock of face powders  
at Decatur at West's drug store, all at out-  
prices.—19-dtf  
Decatur Steam Bakery bread and Mc-  
Kinney's St. Louis bread at the Econ-  
omy.—17-dtf  
Pure gum camphor, prevents moths,  
lowest price ever made; 50c a pound.  
West's drug store.—19-dtf  
Buy your garden, flower and field seeds  
of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedman  
fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed  
in bulk. No. 228 North Main street.  
Duffee & Culp.—1-dtf  
George Burns, Tom Brooks and James  
Ward will give an invitation dance tomor-  
row evening at the Chronistor hall to the  
members of the 1897 club. The ladies of  
the club will serve refreshments and the  
Maxwell orchestra will furnish music.  
Saturday afternoon there was a merry  
time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles  
F. Bachman on North Broadway. It was  
a gathering of young people to celebrate  
the fifth birthday of Master Paul Bach-  
man. There were games, dancing and  
refreshments and gifts.  
It is expected that the winning candidate  
for national president at the next meeting  
of the Woman's Relief Corps at Buffalo,  
N. Y., will be Mrs. Flo Miller of Monticello.  
Mrs. Miller is a lady of pronounced  
ability and is intensely patriotic.

## THE DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. I. J. Davis, Well Known in  
This City, Died in Chi-  
cago.

ALFRED MAXWELL PASSED AWAY

He Expired Yesterday at His Home in  
This City—Mrs. Susanna  
Epler Among the  
Dead.

Mrs. Nettie Davis, wife of I. J. Davis,  
died of cancer Sunday morning at 5  
o'clock at Chicago, aged 40 years. She  
leaves a husband and two children, Les-  
ter, aged 5 years, and Ruth, an infant  
daughter, both of whom are in this city.  
Mrs. Davis was formerly Miss Nettie  
Pratt and is well known in Decatur as  
she formerly made her home in this city.  
She was married about seven years ago  
and went to Oak Park, Ill., to live. She  
was a daughter of Mrs. E. B. Pratt. She  
leaves four brothers, F. M. Pratt of Deca-  
tur, Eugene Pratt of Chicago, Riley Pratt  
of Buffalo, and Mark Pratt of Nebraska;  
also three sisters, Miss Abbie Pratt, Mrs.  
H. L. Baldwin and Mrs. George Tucker,  
all of this city.

The remains were brought to this city  
at 4 o'clock this afternoon and were taken  
to the home of F. M. Pratt, at the corner  
of West Prairie avenue and College street,  
where the funeral was held at 4:30 o'clock.  
The services were conducted by Rev. W.  
C. Miller assisted by Rev. D. E. Howe  
and the burial was at Greenwood ceme-  
tery.

The pall bearers were R. W. Shull, Mil-  
ton Johnson, sr., C. M. Imboden, W. H.  
Starr, W. A. Cash and George W. Bright.

Alfred Maxwell died Sunday morning  
at 9:30 o'clock at his home on West Main  
street, aged 78 years. His death was due  
to a cancer. He has been an invalid for  
a number of years and for the past three  
months has been confined to his bed.  
The deceased was born in Perry county,  
Ohio, August 21, 1819. He was married  
to Miss Margaret E. Bunn, daughter of  
the late Rev. D. P. Bunn on Dec. 12,  
1859. Of this marriage two children were  
born, William Harvey Maxwell and Mary  
Rockwell Maxwell, both of whom are  
dead. Mrs. Maxwell died on March 28,  
1891, in Decatur. Mr. Maxwell came to  
Illinois at an early day with his father's  
family. He passed through Decatur when  
that portion known as the original town  
was all there was to the city. The family  
settled on a farm and later Mr. Maxwell  
moved to Christian county near Taylor-  
ville. In 1865 he came to Decatur and  
since that time excepting about five years  
when he was farming near Marion he lived  
in the city. He will be remembered by  
many as the proprietor of "The Maxwell,"  
at the corner of North Church and West  
William streets. He was a member of the  
Universalist church of this city. Mrs. L.  
H. Clark, Mrs. Gus Johnson and the sons  
of the late J. Maxwell are all nephews  
and nieces of the deceased. Those who  
wish to view the remains can call at the  
residence on Tuesday between 2 and 5 p.  
m. The funeral will be held Wednesday  
morning at 10 o'clock at the Universalist  
church. The services will be conducted  
by Rev. Sophia Glibb, formerly of that  
church but now of Boone, Iowa. She  
will be assisted by Rev. W. C. Miller.  
The burial will be at Greenwood ceme-  
tery.

Mrs. Susanna Epler.  
Mrs. Susanna Epler died at 9 o'clock  
Sunday morning at her home on East  
Condit street, aged 67 years. The de-  
ceased was born in Dauphin county,  
Pennsylvania; came to this city forty-two  
years ago, and has made her home here  
ever since. She was well known among  
the older residents of the city. She leaves  
two sons, John and David Epler and one  
daughter, Miss Eleanor Epler. The funeral  
will be held Tuesday afternoon at 4  
o'clock from the residence.

Death of an Infant.  
The infant child of Rudolph Rekosch  
died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the  
family home, No. 945 Railroad avenue.  
The time of the funeral will be announ-  
ced later.

Funeral of J. A. Lowry.  
The funeral of the late J. A. Lowry was  
held this morning at 10 o'clock from the  
residence, No. 558 South Jackson street.  
The services were conducted by Rev. A.  
W. Hawkins and Rev. Hanson and the  
burial was at the Salem cemetery.

Pete Sells Dead.  
Peter Sells, aged 58 years, died Sunday  
night at 11 o'clock at his home on South  
Culfax street. Deceased was a son of Abe  
Sells, and had made his home almost  
continuously in Decatur. Late he had been  
a bartender. The cause of death was  
pneumonia, illness continuing for a peri-

od of two weeks. The time of the funeral  
will be announced later.

Death at 83.  
This forenoon a telegram was received  
by N. L. Krone, announcing the death of  
Samuel Frederick, aged 83 years, which  
occurred at his home at Kingston, Ohio,  
at 6:45 o'clock this morning, due to a  
stroke of paralysis. Mr. Frederick was the  
father of Mrs. N. L. Krone and Mrs. John  
Kaylor of Decatur. He was once a busi-  
ness man in Decatur and a ruling elder in  
the Presbyterian church. He came to  
Decatur in 1859 and opened a clothing  
store near the corner of Lincoln square,  
east side, but retired in 1890, returning  
to Kingston.

Cropped Dead.  
Mrs. Sarah Brindle, a prominent and  
hard working member of the Salvation  
Army at Canton, Ill., was found dead  
Saturday at noon by her daughters,  
Misses Annie, Adelle and Jennie when  
they returned from their work. They  
left their mother in the morning in the  
best of health and spirits, busy with her  
household duties. She had finished her  
sweeping and was dusting the furniture  
when she dropped dead with heart dis-  
ease.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

—Wilbur Starling is on the sick list.

—Miss Harriet Lowry is visiting in  
Springfield.

—John P. Beckett of Blue Mound, was  
in the city today.

—J. M. Kaufman of Champaign, is in  
the city today.

—Attorney Walter Eden of Sullivan,  
was in the city today.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reinert were  
St. Louis visitors Saturday.

—Dr. T. S. Hoskins was in Springfield  
yesterday visiting his daughter.

—Albert Beckroch and Hugh Hughes  
left for Washington last night.

—Miss Ida Wagner left today for  
Freeport where she will visit friends.

—Dr. H. C. Jones was called to Harris-  
town yesterday on professional business.

—James C. Lake and W. N. Hoggess  
have gone to Washington to attend the  
inauguration ceremonies.

—Mrs. O. B. Gorin and daughter,  
Gussie, have returned home from a visit  
with friends in Chicago.

—Miss Lilla Macouthal returned yester-  
day from St. Louis, where she has been  
visiting for some months.

—F. O. Darrow, who was indisposed  
Friday afternoon and night and on Satur-  
day, is able to be out again.

—Mrs. Hattie Orr is somewhat improv-  
ed today after being confined to her home  
for three weeks with La Grippe.

—Dr. A. M. Drew went to Moweaqua  
today to perform a surgical operation.  
He will be assisted by Dr. Spalding.

—Misses Corinne and Lietha Riney  
have returned to Springfield after a visit  
of two weeks with relatives here.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blumenstock, of  
Washington, Ill., are the guests of Mr.  
and Mrs. Wilbur Hoppin on West Pugh  
street.

—Rev. D. E. May, of Mt. Zion, ar-  
rived in the city today from Illinois,  
where on Sunday he preached twice for  
Elder Randle.

—Harvey Boyer left Saturday for  
Lancaster, Ohio, to attend the wedding  
of the wedding of C. D. Webb, of this  
city, and Miss Ella Martin.

—A. B. Alexander arrived home this  
morning from Chicago where on Satur-  
day evening he attended a banquet  
which was given at the Union League  
club by George Ferguson and his sons to  
the representatives of the Mutual  
Life Insurance Company of this state.

—Charles Laux will leave tomorrow for  
Hot Springs, Ark., and Kansas. The  
impression prevails around the St. Nick  
that he will go further west—as far as  
Carson, but Charles says he is simply  
going to Kansas to pay taxes on his big  
farm in that state.

## GOODS AT HALF PRICE.

Bargain Sale Now On at the Ottenheimer  
& Co. Store.

You should read the big ad. Otten-  
heimer & Co. display in the Republican  
today. They had a big fire, smoke and  
water damage loss at their clothing store  
recently and make some big cuts in prices  
which cannot fail to attract attention.  
Lots of fine bargains are to be—most of  
the goods to go at half price. Just step  
in and see the goods. You will buy.

## Chance to Get Rid of Him.

She appeared to be somewhat excited  
when he came home that night, and he  
naturally asked the cause.  
"The man in the top flat has fallen in  
love with our housemaid," she said.  
"What of it?" he asked.  
"He's been trying to get her to elope  
with him."  
"Do you mean the man who practices  
with the flute every night?"  
She said she did, and he made a dive  
for his pocketbook.  
"Tell the maid," he exclaimed, exci-  
tely, "that I'm a poor man, but I'll  
give her ten dollars if she'll do it."—Chi-  
cago Post.

## Male Stupidity.

Mrs. Brimmer—That Mr. Stylus is  
the most stupid reporter I ever knew. I  
told him all about our club, and then  
playfully said: "Now, remember, this  
isn't a new woman's club, and you  
mustn't say so; for it's just the exact  
opposite." And how do you suppose he  
headed his article?

Miss Sere—I can't imagine.

Mrs. Brimmer—An Old Woman's  
Club.—J. T. Brimmer.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS.

Orders in County Court Approved—In  
the Circuit Court.

In the county court today Judge Ham-  
mer approved orders filed by the follow-  
ing: A. A. Bricker, administrator of the  
estate of Lewis E. Bricker; Frank P.  
Howard, administrator of the estate of  
Mary A. Towne, Hannah Edgcombe, ad-  
ministratrix of the estate of Uriah Edg-  
combe; Mary A. Chapman, executrix of  
the estate of John Chapman, Sarah Ann  
Baker, executrix of the estate of George  
I. Baker; Isaac N. Bricker, administra-  
tor of the estate of Aaron Bricker, Pat-  
rick W. Coleman and James J. Finn, ex-  
ecutors of the estate of Mary Finn; Myra  
A. Hower and Lamar Hutchinson, ex-  
ecutors of the estate of Martha Hutchinson;  
Edgar D. Carr, guardian of Marie J.  
Bricker, John Giblin, executor of the  
estate of Bridget Dickson; Winfield S.  
Brown, executor of the estate of N. M.  
Baker.

Petition for Guardianship.  
In the county court today Cora A. Dil-  
lehunt filed a petition asking to be ap-  
pointed guardian of Laura, Maud, Wil-  
son and Fay Dillehunt, aged 17, 14, 12,  
and 8 years old respectively.

## The Circuit Court.

Judge Vail held a short session in the  
circuit court this afternoon. The follow-  
ing motion was entered on the common  
law docket:

Henry W. Sharpless et al vs William  
Mear et al, assumpsit; approval of Mar-  
jor Friedman and rule on him to answer  
by Monday next.

## Sales of Real Estate.

John H. Park to Samuel Weaver, quit  
claim deed to 60 acres off the north end of  
the east half of the southeast quarter of  
section 21, 17, 2 east, \$3040.

Arthur Willard to R. G. Hobbs, lots 24  
in block 1 of H. H. Wise's subdivision,  
\$281.

Edward E. Kryder et al to Alice R.  
Doerr, lots 4 and 5 in block 4 in J. Seiberling's  
addition to Blue Mound, \$400.

Alice R. Doerr to Rebecca Culp, lots 4  
and 5 in block 4 in J. Seiberling's addi-  
tion to Blue Mound, \$400.

George Elliott to Marcus D. Camp, the  
west half of 5, 16, 1 east, containing 320  
acres, \$10,750.

Charence H. Bacon to Rodney C. Hav-  
kins, quit claim deed to lot 5, same being  
the west one-fifth of 22 acres off the south  
side of the northeast quarter of the  
northeast quarter of 1, 16, 3 east, \$1.

Benton C. Hawkins to Rodney C. Hav-  
kins, quit claim deed to property describ-  
ed above, \$1.

Emily H. Floyd et al to Rodney C.  
Hawkins, quit claim deed to one fifth  
interest in 22 acres off the south side of  
the northeast quarter of the northeast  
quarter of 10, 16, 3 east, \$1.

## IN MEMORY OF MARY LYON.

A Paper Read This Morning by Mrs. Ha-  
worth Before the Pupils of the  
High School.

At the high school this morning exer-  
cises were held to commemorate the one  
hundredth anniversary of the birth of  
Mary Lyon, the woman who founded the  
Mount Holyoke college, the first educa-  
tional institution for women in this coun-  
try. When the senior and junior classes  
were assembled they sang Mrs. Heman's  
song, "The Landing of the Pilgrims," and  
a paper was read by Mrs. George Har-  
worth on Mary Lyon. She said that the  
first appropriation for Harvard college  
was made in 1633. The college was only  
intended for boys as the girls were not  
supposed to have higher education. In  
1780 the desire of the women to learn be-  
came marked. As the demand for teach-  
ers increased women were legally recog-  
nized as teachers of certain branches.  
Oberlin college was the first to admit  
girls. Mary Lyon, who was born just  
100 years ago, after years of work founded  
the Mount Holyoke college for girls.  
Mrs. Harworth gave a little sketch of the  
life of Mary Lyon, and made praise-  
worthy remarks on the subject of the  
education of women.

## Fined \$3 and Cost.

Because O. W. Nelson, known fami-  
larly as Dutch Nelson, undertook to dis-  
pose of a watch on the chance or raffle  
plan, so much in vogue in Decatur, he  
was arrested Saturday and put under  
bond to appear for trial today. He was  
before Justice Hardy where he was fined  
\$3 and costs. Nelson didn't think he was  
doing any harm. Other parties have  
raffled off articles in the same manner  
and there was no prosecution. He didn't  
know that there was any law against the  
selling of the tickets that way or he  
would not have started the scheme.

## Births.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mon-  
tagne, living on West North street, on  
February 28, a daughter.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John D. Pres-  
ley of Riverside Place, on February 28, a  
son.

## Bicycle Repairing.

Our repair department is the best in the  
state of Illinois, and is in charge of a man  
with sixteen years' experience in this  
work. Our repair material is all high  
quality. All work guaranteed. H. Muel-  
ler Gun Co.—1-dtf

## Saturday night the "Wang" Comedie Op- era company gave an excellent entertain- ment at the Grand. The audience was not as large as the play deserved, but it was Saturday night and besides Decatur has been visited by "Wang" quite fre- quently.

The R. B. Montgomery horse sale is in  
progress at his farm west of the city. The  
attendance is large. Frederick Wilkes.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

Program for the Lenten Exercises  
at the Episcopal  
Churches

## SUNDAY AT GRACE M. E. CHURCH

Special Song Service Held at the Chri-  
stian Tabernacle in Honor  
of Rev. Hall's  
Return.

The Lenten season will begin the 4th  
of this month, that day being Ash Wed-  
nesday. For forty days the members of  
the Episcopal and Catholic churches will  
lay aside all worldly pleasures. While the  
season is only kept by certain denomina-  
tions it is more or less generally observed.  
Those who observe Lent are supposed to  
make some sacrifice during the season.  
Special services will be held at several  
of the churches. The following is the pro-  
gram for the Lenten services which will  
be held by Rev. Frank N. Atkin at St.  
John's Episcopal church:  
Ash Wednesday—Matins, litany, holy  
communion, 10:30 a. m.  
Evensong and sermon, 4:30 p. m.  
Sunday—Holy communion, 7 a. m.  
Matins, litany and sermon, 10:45 a. m.  
Evensong and sermon, 7:30 p. m.  
Week Days—Evensong and lectures  
except Wednesdays and Fridays 4:30 p. m.  
Evensong and sermon, 7:30 p. m.  
Good Friday—Matins, litany and ser-  
mon, 10:30 a. m.  
Evensong and lecture, 7:30 p. m.  
Easter Day—Holy communion 7 a. m.  
Matins, sermon and holy communion,  
10:30 a. m.  
Sunday school jubilee, 3 p. m.

## First Baptist Church

The large congregation that assembled  
at the Baptist church on Sunday morn-  
ing could not help being inspired to the  
pastor and encouraging to the church  
and especially so as this is no ordinary  
thing at this church. One, a young man  
was received for membership, at the re-  
sult of a sermon by the pastor, on "At Home  
with Christ." The evening service was  
different from any of those previously  
held, being "An Evening with the Holy  
Writers." Such hymns as "One Sweet  
Solomon Thought," was sung with en-  
livened effect by the quartet, the organ  
joining in some of the hymns. But  
previous to the singing the pastor was  
naming the hymns, gave the name of the  
authors, what is known with reference  
to them, and the circumstances under which  
the hymns were composed, with touching  
incidents as to their effect upon other  
hearts. The variety thus introduced was  
pleasing and profitable and many re-  
sponses were made for similar services in the  
future.

## Lent at All Angels

At All Angels' Episcopal church on  
Ash Wednesday Rev. Bedford Jones will  
celebrate holy communion at 7 a. m. and  
evensong at 7:30 p. m. During Lent ser-  
vices will be held every 1 day evening at  
7:30 o'clock when an address will be given  
by the rector. Confirmation classes will  
be held at 4 p. m. Sundays and 3 p. m.  
Friday evenings. The Sunday service  
during Lent will be held at the regular  
hours.

## Grace Methodist Church.

Sunday twenty-two members were  
united to Grace Methodist church, ten of  
whom were baptized at the mission. In  
the evening the pastor dismissed regular  
services at the church and with many of  
his members went to the chapel where  
eleven persons professed conversion, swell-  
ing the number to 116 who have been  
converted at the church since. The even-  
ing meetings will be held a few evenings  
this week to complete the work. There  
were 191 in attendance at the mission  
Sunday school and 408 at the church  
school.

## At the Tabernacle

A special song service was held Sunday  
evening at the Christian tabernacle. The  
large chorus choir under the leadership of  
Prof. Calvin, rendered some excellent  
music. The attendance was large. At-  
tentions, songs and hymns were rendered.  
The pastor, Rev. George F. Hall, who  
has been traveling in the west occupied  
his pulpit in the morning service.

## Attention, Wheelmen

Would you think of taking a fine watch  
needing repairing or cleaning to a watch-  
maker with only two or three years' expe-  
rience? Of course you would not. You  
much risk. Now it will pay you to use  
the same care with your bicycle. We  
have in charge of our repair shop a man  
who is a thorough mechanic and has had  
sixteen years' experience in the build-  
ing and repairing. He built bicycles for  
the day of automatic machinery for  
such work, and is therefore familiar with  
every detail of their construction. Bring  
your wheel to us for careful and proper  
repairing, enameling, etc. All work  
guaranteed. H. Mueller Gun Co.—1-dtf

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Documentary Evidence That the  
Consul-General Did Ask  
for War-Ships.

PAPERS LAID BEFORE U. S. SENATE

Full Texts of All the Cable Messages

Sent to the Department—The

Senate Stands by Lee

in the Matter.

New York, March 2.—A special from

Washington to the Herald says that com-  
plete confirmation of the Herald's story  
from Havana developed in the capital  
last evening.

The correspondence between Secretary  
Olney and Consul General Lee was placed  
before the senate, and it proved beyond  
doubt that Mr. Bonasi was telling the  
exact truth when he reported that Gen-  
eral Lee had made a demand for ships  
and that he would not remain in office  
if the department at Washington did  
support him in his demands on Spain  
for justice to American citizens.

It is considered remarkable that the  
copies of Secretary Olney to the depart-  
ment General Lee did not accompany the cor-  
respondence.

## Text of the Telegrams.

The most important are the telegrams  
in the case of Charles Scott, which are  
as follows, being telegrams sent by Con-  
sul General Lee to the state department.  
Feb. 20 Mr. Lee telegraphed as follows  
the state department:

"Charles Scott, a citizen of the U.  
States, has been arrested at Regla,  
Cuba. He has been without com-  
munication in jail at Havana 264 hours.  
I cannot stand another Ruiz murder  
where vessels are at Key West, or where  
reach, and will they be ordered here  
once if necessary to sustain a demand  
for Lee."

On the 23d he said in a cable mes-  
sage: "Situation is simple. Experience  
Guantanamo made it my duty to de-  
fer too late that another American  
who had been imprisoned for four  
hours be released from said prison  
immediately, and do so in courteous  
manner. If you support it, and Scott is so  
troubled will terminate. If you  
not, I must depart. All others  
with Scott have been in communica-  
tion. Why should the only American in  
not to be? He has been imprisoned  
now 338 hours. Lee."

Later on the same day, the 23d,  
Mr. Lee wired:

"Demand complied with. Se-  
lected from communication today  
mand after fourteen days' solita-  
ment in cell 5 feet by 11; dam-  
water on the bottom of the cell.  
lowered anything to sleep on or  
discharges of the body removed  
five days. He was charged with  
Cuban postage stamps in the house  
says he went always twelve hours  
water; once two days. He was  
pleasure of American Gas company.

## Sylvester Scott's Case.

The most voluminous correspondence  
that in the case of Sylvester Scott  
respondent of the New York World  
was arrested on Feb. 5. The de-  
partment showed that Mr. Lee  
notified the state department  
Mr. Olney responded immediately  
him to see that all of Scott's  
an American citizen was protected  
letters and telegrams in this  
from the 5th to the 19th of  
when Mr. Lee informed the de-  
partment that a competent lawyer had  
been sent to defend Scott. He had said  
that he did not anticipate action  
in this case, but later changed  
and said: "It is supposed S.  
incriminating papers, which  
case a more serious aspect."

On Feb. 11 General Lee re-  
sponded in a well ventilated  
he had good food and a be-  
Spirit, to which he added  
rights have been respected.  
of civil jurisdiction. I have  
sentry to report the case. I  
tried to have Scott removed  
Spirit to Havana, but failed.

## Remains Stranded by General

The remaining case covered  
F. J. Canas, arrested Feb.  
what charge does not appear.  
Lee's first information to the  
ment was contained in a tele-  
17. In this dispatch he con-  
formation of the arrest, he  
took place at Sagua and my  
report will follow, adding:  
a great